

# City of Duarte

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Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission  
P.O. Box 56447  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

**RE: Comment Letter on Supervisorial Map Submissions**

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission,

On behalf of the City of Duarte, this letter is to provide comment on the current supervisorial map submission being considered by the Commission.

The Duarte City Council applauds this important effort to select a new supervisorial map that reflects the diverse communities of interest in the Los Angeles County. The process is time-intensive and delicate with a great deal of public and stakeholder involvement. We appreciate the Commission's commitment and diligence to this work.

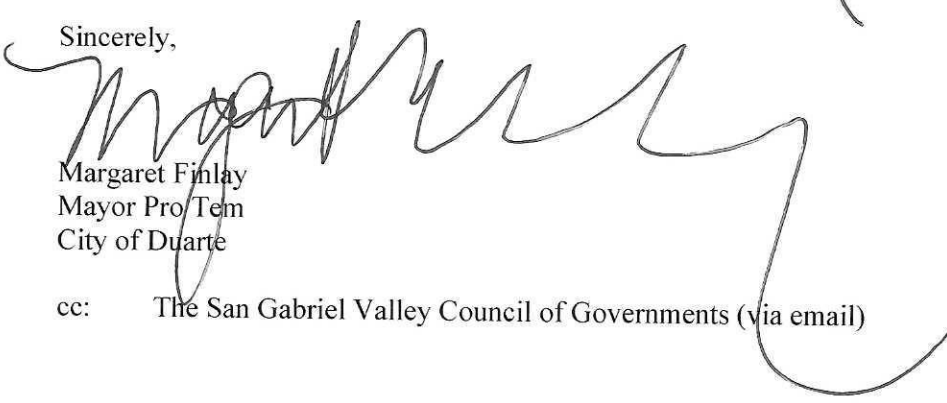
Based on our discussions with neighboring cities, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), and residents, Duarte City Council requests that the Commission, in selecting a new supervisorial map for Los Angeles County, **ensure that the entire City of Duarte is kept wholly intact in a single supervisorial district.**

It is understandable that a city the size of Los Angeles with about four million people will have diverse communities of interests within its borders that require multiple representatives. Duarte, a city of 22,000 people, does not have the geography and population that necessitates multiple representatives. Splitting the city would likely result in fracturing in what is currently a unified community of interest.

We also support the comment letter submitted to the Commission by the SGVCOG advocating that all cities in the San Gabriel Valley be kept wholly intact. This strengthens the interpersonal working relationships between cities and their supervisors when there are projects that necessitates multiple stakeholders. As a small contract city, Duarte is limited in staff and resources on projects that require coordination among multiple parties. Splitting the city into multiple districts would stretch limited staff resources, impacting the ability to complete regional projects.

We believe these considerations are important in keeping true to the values and interests of residents in Duarte and the San Gabriel Valley as a whole. We hope the final supervisorial map reflects these vital interests. Please do not hesitate to contact city staff at (626) 357-7931 if you have any questions

Sincerely,

  
Margaret Finlay  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Duarte

cc: The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (via email)